



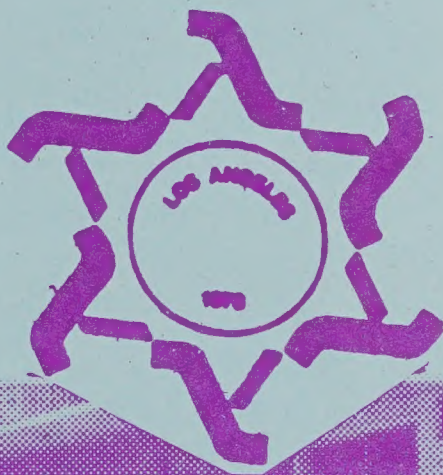
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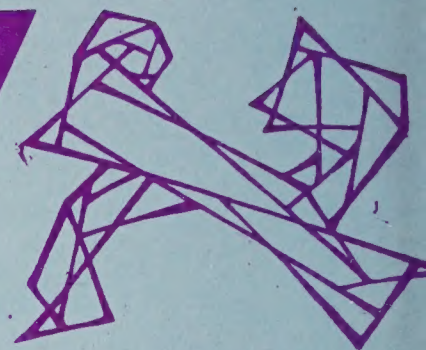
# FORWARD



SOME of US at THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE - of  
LESBIANS and GAY JEWS IN L. A.

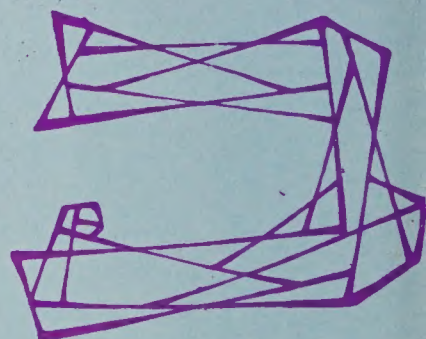


# anniversary



Our one year anniversary, for me, is really just a six month anniversary. I had just tentatively opened the door to Sha'ar Zahav to find a Channukkah party at 32 Page Street and the next thing I knew I was co-leader working full time. I congratulate ;you. You obviously are excellent at recognizing prospective workers and making them an offer they can't refuse. I congratualte us. We did it. Sha'ar Zahav is now a fact and I find it thrilling. I look to the day when we join together to celebrate the nachas of Sha'ar Zahav's tenth anniversary.

# conference



I was overwhelmed by what I learned and experienced at the L. A. Conference. The feelings of kinship, warmth, joy and sensuality overflowed. It seemed like we all smiled all the time. The knowledge and experience shared lovingly, clearly, and easily by everyone helped me to become more of the kind of person I'd like Peter Steinberg to be. My special thanks to the people from Congregation Beth Chayim Chadashim in L. A. who made it all possible--perfectly.

Try as we may, we can't recreate the specific special weekend that occurred in L. A. For those of you unable to join us for this conference, I therefore lovingly urge everyone. That is a part of Sha'ar Zahav to plan now and begin saving for the 1979 conference in Israel, the land of our ancestors.

*Peter Steinberg* .1.



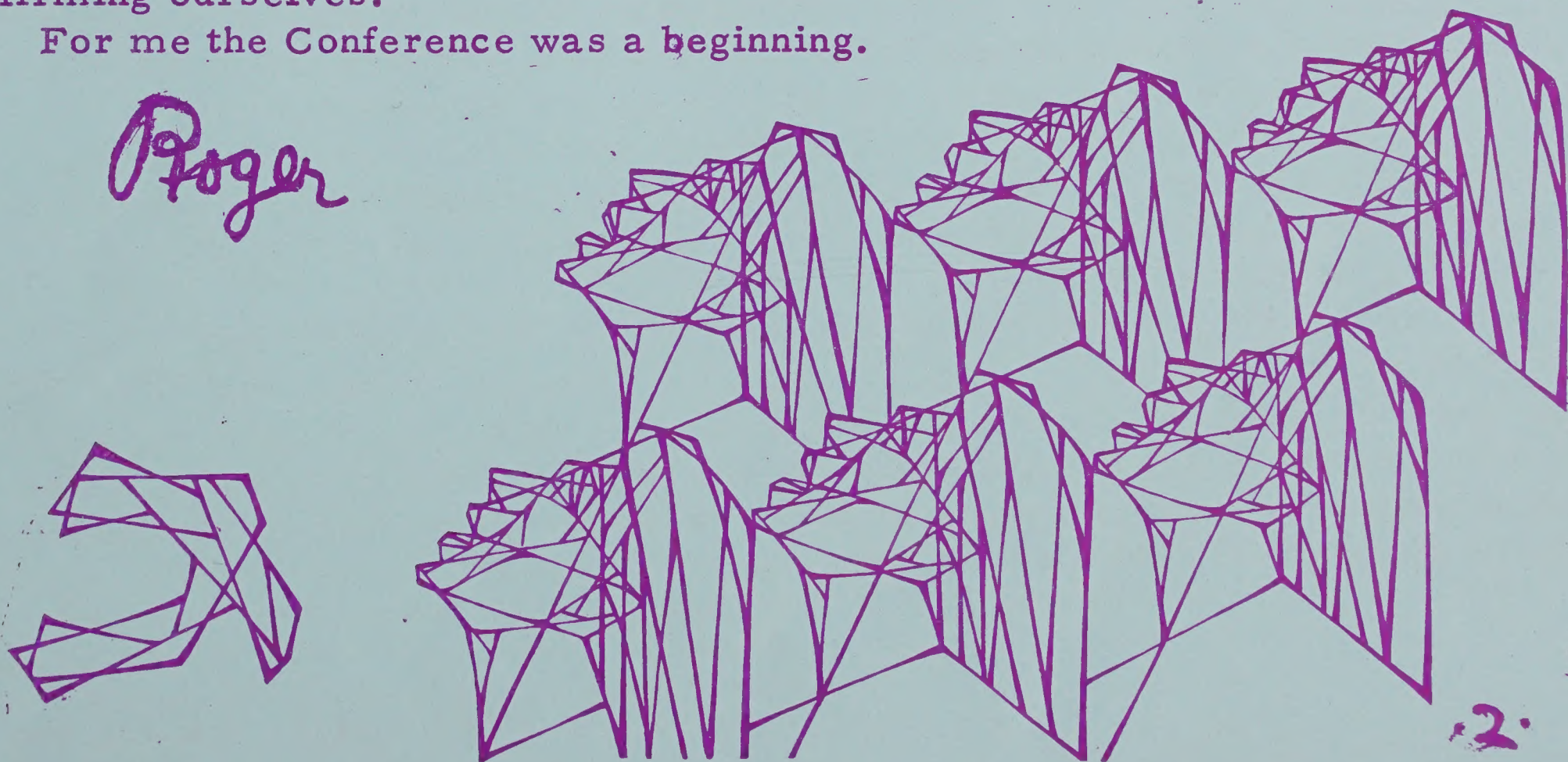
The Conference was one of the most memorable experiences of my life as a gay and, particularly, as a Jew. I felt its effect in two ways: personal and political.

Too often in gay society we play down or, even, hide our Jewish identity. It is not seen as important or "relevant" and we become closet Jews. With Sha'ar Zahav I've started coming out as a gay Jew. The Conference provided the opportunity to come out even further. To suddenly find myself surrounded by 200 people I'd never met before, who were there to affirm themselves as gays and, more importantly, as Jews was thrilling. Equal to that was the fact that these people were intelligent, open and caring--a testament to our heritage. It was a fertile ground for establishing new friendships and tightening old bonds. I am thankful to have been able to participate in such an occasion.

On a political level the Conference confirmed our obligation as gay Jews to come out--as gays and as Jews. We must desensitize the straight Jewish community to our expression so that within the Jewish culture we gain acceptance. But more, it is imperative that we come out for the benefit of our brothers and sisters who are hiding their gayness because of the oppression that exists toward us in the straight Jewish community. As a child I know there was no place for me as a gay and a Jew. The words of an older cousin still ring in my ears, "There is nothing sadder than an old fairy". I was isolated, alone and scared. We must be visible and end these myths so that those in hiding know that we exist, that they are not alone, that they are not freaks and that they can love and be loved. We must end our isolation and theirs by affirming ourselves.

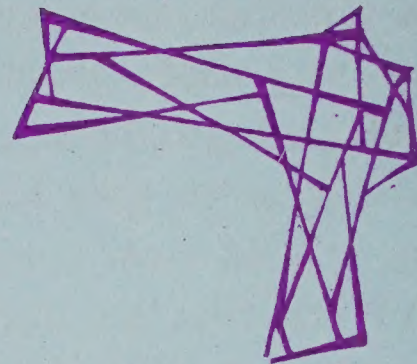
For me the Conference was a beginning.

Roger





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I would like to tell you about the Third International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews held in Los Angeles last month. The Conference was attended by nearly 200 people coming from the United States, Canada, and Israel. There were workshops on such topics as how to start a gay Jewish organization, human rights legislation, aging: being gay and gray—a double prejudice, gay ethics/Jewish ethics, coming out as a gay Jew, coping with being single, parents of gays, gays as parents, and consciousness raising. There were Friday evening Sabbath services and Saturday morning services— a traditional one and a dance service. On the second day of the conference there was a lesbian feminist caucus and throughout the conference there were delegates meetings. Each organization had one vote (more than one delegate, however, was permissible). Our delegates were Daniel, Peter, and myself.

Some of the issues on which we voted were: the inclusion of lesbian in the name of the organization, the formation of a liason group of the organizations for communication purposes, a statement of support for the ERA and an agreement for the conference to boycott any non-ERA ratified state, and the location of the next conference—Israel.

Only delegates voted on matters pertaining to and binding on the organizations. Other matters such as social/political issues were voted on by the group at large.

Our congregation was well represented with over 20 people there. In addition to the next conference being held in Israel I am hoping that the organizations in North America will be able to sponsor a regional conference.

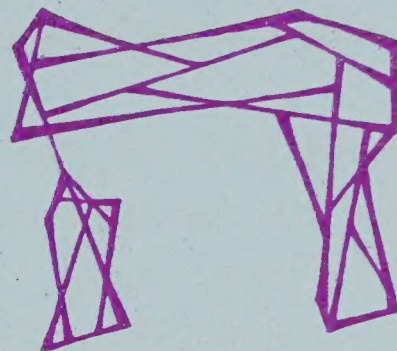
Along with a conference to keep us in touch with gay Jews outside of this area, I hope to see us involve ourselves more with one another here in the Bay Area. As we look toward the beginning of our second year I hope more of you will come forth with ideas and energy for new programs and for ways to shape our synagogue into the best possible place for us.

Thank you,

Maida Cohen



# ✓Report



The Oneg committee has been meeting once a month with new members and new ideas for some future programming. We are sorry to see Faila leaving us for the summer and are in need for some fresh input and participation. We'll miss her.

Oneg now has its own account for funds to buy our weekly Oneg goodies but that depends on the money from our sponsors so please give generously.

We would like to thank: Jordan and Bill for their sponsorships in April, Sally for her generosity on May 12th (in honor of her 32nd birthday), May 26th celebrated Lauren's birthday as well as Penny and Judy's anniversary--thanks to the many sponsors on that Night, also thanks to Jordan and Sarah for sponsorships in June and to Penny, Judy, Maida, and Lauren for June 16th in honor of Allen and Daniel's Birthdays. A special thanks also to Yos, Faila, and Jerry for their great homemade treats. More, more!!

On July 14th (after services) will be a presentation on Sephardic Jewry by Rachel, Sarah and Shamir including authentic food and music. (The first of many more exciting programs!)

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday night July 11th at 8:00 p.m. at 1726 1/2 Grove St., Berkeley.. Please join us, call Yos 841-7480 or Sandy 863-3783.

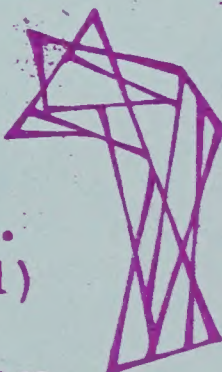
*Sandy L.*

## Finance Committee

As you all know, we had a very successful Garage Sale in April. since then I've had a number of people come up to me and ask me when the next one will be so that they can donate their reselables. Well the time has come to clean out those closets (no pun intended) because on July 16th from 11AM-5PM we will again be selling from the garage at 455 Cole St.....Please contact me at Friday night services and let me know how much you have so that arrangements can be made to get the things to the garage. Or call and leave word with the answering service..... It's up to us to make this Garage sale a success, so donate all that you can! and don't forget to come by July 16th to see how we do!

SHALOM,

*Lauren M.*





Attention All Experienced or Inexperienced JOGGERS!

We would like to get a group of Sha'ar Zahav members together on Saturday or Sunday mornings to go for some fun runs in and around San Francisco. Speed and distance don't matter. SVELT POWER!! JEWISH ATHLETES OUT OF THE CLOSET!!

Speak with Ron or Sandy at Friday night services or leave them a message at the answering service.



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Our thanks as always to both Mike at Terrific Graphics and Lou at Lou Greene for their continued support and help. Also we wish them BOTH MAZEL TOV for their new expansions. May they prosper!

Last summer I had a wonderful and spiritual awakening - beneath towering redwoods, of morning dew and evening stars. I went to Mendocino to experience "THE JOYS of JEWISHING" a strange term but I soon learned that Jewishing as a verb was one of movement and everchanging form. There was a chance to explore my Roots being closer to the Nature-beings who were our ancestors. Experiencing, as well as thinking! Davening, Dancing, Torah, Meditation Massage, Sensory awareness, and movement- with artists, Teachers Rabbis, Kabbalah students and so, so much more, I have a hard time expressing the change in me because of that week.

Well the exciting thing is that There will be two One week sessions Run the first and second weeks in August. I will be definitely going! Vegetarian meals, swimming, I could go on, but I won't.

For more info. contact The Joys of Jewishing

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Shamir



C A L E N D A R of E V E N T S  
JULY-SIVAN

Anniversary Service

- 7 Shabbat services Dovre Hall \*3543-18th street at Valencia  
\*DON'T FORGET THIS NEW ADDRESS-we will be meeting here at  
least for the next six months! Torah portion: Korah, Numbers,  
16:1-18:32. Prophetic Reading, I Samuel 11:14-12:22
- 8 Anniversary Party details available at services or call  
626-3131
- 1 Oneg Committee Meeting \*8PM\* 1726½ Grove St., Berkeley  
Call Yos 841-7480 or Sandy 863-3783
- 4 Shabbat services 3543 18th St. near Valencia  
Sephardic Service led by Sandy, Sarah, and Shamir. Included  
will be authentic Sephardic music and food.  
Torah portion, Hukat, Numbers 19:6-22:1 Prophetic reading,  
Judges 11:1-33
- 1 Shabbat services 3543-18th St. Torah portion Balak, Numbers,  
22:2-25:9. Prophetic reading, Micah 5:5-6:8.
- 8 Shabbat services 3543-18th St. Torah portion Pinchas, Numbers,  
25:10-30:10. Prophetic reading, I Kings 18:46-19:21.





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From  
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